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Kazushi TAHARA et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 2857  
Serial No.: 10/648,341 )  
) Examiner: J. West  
Filed: August 27, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 3400  
For: PART MAINTENANCE SYSTEM )  
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AND PART MAINTENANCE )  
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METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR )  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT AN  
UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR DOMESTIC PRIORITY**

Applicants hereby submit this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The above-referenced application is a continuation-in-part application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of prior-filed, non-provisional U.S. patent application No. 09/893,628, filed June 29, 2001, which was pending as of the filing date of the present application, August 27, 2003, and which is now abandoned.

According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii), reference to the prior-filed application must be submitted within the later of four (4) months from the actual filing date of the application claiming the benefit of priority or within sixteen (16) months from the filing

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